

## **Chapter V - Recreation Analysis**

### **Introduction**

Wayne County, Pennsylvania has numerous recreational opportunities for residents, non-residents and visitors. The County has an abundance of lakes, rivers, streams and forest land that attract seasonal and second home visitors throughout the year. It possesses major recreational attractions such as Lake Wallenpaupack and the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River, extensive game lands and fishing resources, State Parks and a very large number of lakes and private recreational resources. These resources are responsible for attracting an estimated \$165 million annually of travel expenditures and \$65 million per year of wages to area residents (see *Section X - Economic Analysis*). They also provide an estimated 3,994 jobs.

### **School Facilities and Programs**

School districts are a primary source of recreation for children and adolescents. Not only the children and adolescents who attend the various school districts benefit, but adults also often utilize these facilities after hours for recreational purposes. The majority of students in Wayne County attend the Wayne Highlands, Western Wayne or the Wallenpaupack Area School Districts, all of which have facilities in Wayne County. The Forest City, North Pocono, and Susquehanna Community School Districts also serve Wayne County students and offer nearby recreational facilities. Finally, the Hancock and Deposit Schools located in New York State also serve Wayne County residents (see *Section III - Community Facilities Analysis*).

These facilities provide students and families with the opportunity to participate in organized and unorganized activities year round. These include school programs and youth activities such as Little League baseball. Men's and women's softball leagues also use the baseball fields located at the various school districts within the County. Playgrounds located at many of the elementary and middle schools are used by children and their families for summer recreation purposes. Finally, the tennis courts located at the various school districts are used by students and adults, residents and non-residents for play throughout the summer months.

School district playing fields, courts and tracks are used at times for major community fundraising events. The Wallenpaupack Area and Wayne Highlands School Districts use their track and field facilities for the "Race Against the Cure" event which is sponsored annually. Western Wayne and others open schools for exercise walking. School buildings are also used as meeting places for numerous clubs and groups. An example is the Home Expo, a construction trade show conducted annually at the Wallenpaupack School District. The Wayne Highlands School District also accommodates a benefit antique auction annually.

Table V-1 on the following page provides a summary of the recreational facilities offered by various school districts serving Wayne County.

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Table V-1: School District Facilities Serving Wayne County

School Districts	Gyms	Ballfield	Football	Track	Soccer	Tennis	Play-ground	Outdoor Basketball
<b>Wallenpaupack Area</b>								
High School*	2	2	1(a)	1	1(a)			
Intermediate / Middle School*	2	2			1(b)	6	1	1
Primary School*	1				2		1	
Hawley Kindergarten Center	1						1	1
South Elementary	1	1					1	1
<b>Wayne Highlands</b>								
High School	1	3	1	1(d)		6		1
Middle School	1	1						
Primary School	1	2			2		2	
Lakeside Elementary School	1						1	
Preston Area Elementary	1	1			1	1	1	1
Damascus Area School	1	2			1		1	1
<b>Western Wayne</b>								
High School	1	6	1	1	1	4		1
Middle School	1							
Robert D. Wilson Elementary	1	3			1		1	2
Lake Ariel Elementary School	1	2					1	1
Hamlin Elementary School	1	1			1		1	1
<b>Parochial Schools</b>								
St. Vincent's Catholic		1					1	1
Canaan Christian Academy	1	1(c)			1(c)		1	1
Damascus Christian Academy							1	1

Source: School districts

\* Located in Pike County

Notes: (a) Football / Soccer

(b) Soccer / Field Hockey

(c) Ballfield / Soccer

(d) Track and Field / Field Hockey

### **Summer Camps**

Wayne County is the home of many summer youth camps and campgrounds. The summer camp industry in Wayne County serves children (generally ages 6-18) primarily from the metropolitan areas of New York and New Jersey. There are between 35 and 40 youth camps involved, representing one of the largest concentrations of summer camps in the country. The youth camp industry in Wayne County is unusual in two respects. First, most are full season operations. Secondly, a large number of these camps have a strong religious component. Many are now operating post camp programs including sports camps, cheerleading camps, band camps and retreats which extend the camp season.

Additionally, some camps have used their camp facilities as conference centers for use for special events by the local community and made their facilities available for banquets, community recreation and other events and activities. The facilities include gymnasiums, recreation halls and similar large facilities accommodating from 300 to 1,000 persons. Most camps also have tennis courts, basketball courts and lakefront facilities to enhance the camp experience.

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Typically, camps open in June and close operations in September (the full season). A study of the summer camp industry was conducted under the auspices of the Wayne Economic Development Corporation and the Wayne County Camp Association in 2002. The study included a survey of camp owners, camper parents and camp employees. Some of the key findings were:

- Camps surveyed indicated 7,428 campers attended camp during 2001, an average of 571 campers each. They also reported 22,900 persons visited their facilities in 2001.
- The average camp surveyed has been in existence in Wayne County for 58 years in 2002.
- Camps surveyed accounted for almost 5,800 acres of land with the average camp containing approximately 362 acres.
- Camps surveyed spent almost \$33,500,000 in 2001 operating their programs. The average camp spent nearly \$2,230,000 including \$409,000 of local expenditures.
- Camps surveyed paid over \$665,000 in property taxes in 2001. The average camp paid \$47,555 in property taxes.

These summer camps are located primarily in central and northern Wayne County. Table V-2 lists members of the Wayne County Camp Association. There are some additional camps who are not members of the Association and at least one new facility associated with Trails End Camp, for example, so the list is not exhaustive.

Table V-2: Selected Wayne County Camps

Camp	Municipality
B'nai B'rith	Buckingham
Blue Ridge	Manchester
Bryn Mawr	Oregon
Echo Lark	Preston
Equinunk	Manchester
Goose Pond Boy Scouts	Paupack
Hidden Valley Girl Scout	Buckingham
Independent Lake	Preston
Indian Head	Manchester
Journey's End Farm	Sterling
Ladore – Salvation Army	Canaan
Lavi	Buckingham
Lohikan - Cayuga	Lebanon
Lohikan (Mount Tone)	Buckingham
Morshava	Preston
Moshava	Berlin
Na'Arin	Clinton
New Jersey YMHA-YWHA	Preston
Poyntelle/Lewis Village	Preston
Ramah	Buckingham
Seneca Lake	Lebanon
Shoshanna	Lebanon
Sky Lake	Lebanon
Skycrest	Berlin
Sports & Arts at Island Lake	Scott
Starlight	Buckingham/Preston
Summit	Lebanon
Timberledge	Berlin
Torah Va'avodah Institute	Berlin
Towanda	Lebanon
Trails End	Berlin
Tyler Hill	Damascus
Watonka	Paupack
Wayne Boys and Girls	Preston
Weequahic	Preston
Westmont	Preston

Source: Wayne County Camp Association

### **Campgrounds**

Campground facilities are located throughout the County. Both tent camping and recreational vehicle (RV) options are available. The industry is also beginning to offer small cabins as

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alternatives to tent and RV camping, typically interspersing such cabins among tent and RV campsites. The camping facilities located in Wayne County provide wide ranging recreational opportunities including boating, swimming, biking, hiking, tennis and indoor facilities. Water and sewer hook-ups are available for RV's in most cases with central showers and rest rooms in others. Many of the campgrounds and RV parks also provide a convenience store for campers to purchase needed items. Table V-3 lists campgrounds known to be operating in Wayne County.

Table V-3: Wayne County Campgrounds

Campground	Location	Baseball	Basketball	Boating	Canoeing	Community Hall	Dry Toilets	Electric	Fishing	Flush Toilets	Laundry	Marina	Pavilion	Playground	Horse Riding	Sewer	Showers	Store	Swimming	Television	Tennis	Tents	Trailers	Water
Caffery	Lakeville			•				•	•	•	•	•					•	•	•			•	•	•
Cherry Ridge	Honesdale			•		•	•	•	•	•				•			•	•	•				•	•
Clayton Park	Lake Ariel			•				•	•	•		•				•	•		•			•	•	•
Countryside Family	Honesdale					•		•		•			•	•			•	•	•			•	•	•
Double W Guest Ranch	Hawley						•	•							•							•		•
Elk Forest Resort	Waymart			•				•	•	•							•	•	•		•	•	•	•
Keen Lake	Waymart			•	•			•	•	•			•			•	•	•	•			•	•	•
Lake Moc-A-Tek	Lakeville	•	•					•		•							•					•	•	•
Ledgedale	Newfoundland			•				•	•	•		•						•	•			•	•	•
Ponderosa Pines	Aldenville			•				•	•	•						•	•		•		•	•	•	•
Secluded Acres	Lakeville			•				•	•	•						•	•		•	•		•	•	•
Soaring Eagle	Equinunk				•			•		•							•					•	•	•
Three Pines	Lakeville						•	•		•						•	•						•	•
Valleyview Farm	Waymart					•		•	•	•	•			•		•	•	•	•			•	•	•
Yogi Bear	Lakeville					•		•								•			•			•	•	•

Source: Campgrounds

Note: • indicates campground offers this feature or service

### **Municipal Parks**

Some 14 of Wayne County's 28 municipalities have municipal parks. Honesdale Borough has six parks. Hawley Borough, Damascus Township and Waymart Borough each have two parks. The newest municipal park is located in Salem Township on Cemetery Road in Hamlin. Currently, this municipal park has a baseball field, walking trail and parking area. Several municipalities have secured grants from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) and the Wayne County Redevelopment Authority to fund the development and improvement of these parks.

The Borough of Hawley's Bingham Park, for example, is one of the most heavily used and contains the only skate park in the County, which was constructed with a DCNR grant. The County itself has also played a significant role in funding such parks through its use of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program to construct handicapped accessible parking and restroom facilities at a number of locations.

Table V-4 on the next page lists these parks by municipality and inventories facilities provided.

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Table V-4: Wayne County Municipal Parks and Selected Facilities

Municipality	Municipal Park	Baseball	Basketball	Benches	Bandstand	Disc Golf	Heritage Barn	Horseshoes	Indoor Facilities	Pavilion	Picnic Facilities	Playground	Pool	Restrooms	Skate Park	Tennis Courts	Walking Trails
Berlin	Beach Lake	•							•			•		•			
Bethany	Bethany Park		•		•							•				•	
Clinton	Browndale Park	•															
Damascus	Damascus Forest													•			•
Damascus	Damascus Park	•					•	•		•	•					•	
Dreher	Carlton Drake Memorial Park	•	•	•						•	•						•
Hawley	Bingham Park	•	•	•	•							•			•	•	•
Hawley	Riverside Park	•		•													•
Honesdale	Central Park			•	•							•					•
Honesdale	Fair Avenue (Apple Grove / Veterans)	•		•		•				•	•	•	•				•
Honesdale	Gibbons Memorial Park										•						•
Honesdale	Little Baseball Association Park	•		•										•			
Honesdale	North (Triangle) Park			•													
Honesdale	Riverside Park			•													•
Lake	Lake Township Recreation Complex	•									•	•					
Mount Pleasant	Pleasant Mount Park								•								
Paupack	Lakeville Recreation Complex	•	•					•		•	•	•		•		•	
Preston	Lakewood Park	•															
Preston	Preston Park	•															
Salem	Salem Township Park	•								•							•
Starrucca	Starrucca Park	•															
Waymart	Veterans Park			•								•					
Waymart / Canaan	Wilson Park	•														•	

Source: Municipalities

### **County Park Facilities and Programs**

The County is a sponsor of a number of recreational events and programs, including the annual Hershey's Track and Field Games at each of the major school districts. This program is open to girls and boys ages 9 to 14 and involves a variety of track and field events. Winners at the local level then compete at higher levels. The County also co-sponsors baseball, basketball and field hockey camps at school district facilities. These camps annually attract more than 200 children and adolescents. Other sponsored events include a Little League tournament and two road races including the Habitat for Humanity and the Dr. Perkins Annual Races. Finally, the County sponsors a golf tournament for adults held annually at the Honesdale Golf Club.

The Wayne County Recreation Complex, known as the "County Farm" is the only County owned recreational facility. It is bounded on the north by State Route 652 and the south by State Route 2011 and contains approximately 193 acres of land. Currently, the Recreation Complex includes three baseball fields, a pavilion with picnic facilities and portable restroom facilities. In addition, two soccer fields exist on the site. The construction of soccer fields at the Wayne County



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Recreation Complex was the result of a partnership between Wayne County and the Honesdale Soccer Club. A grant from DCNR was secured in 2000 to develop the soccer fields and additional parking. Finally, a concession stand was constructed on-site, which is used to generate revenue to support local youth sports, specifically including soccer programs offered through the Honesdale Soccer Club.

The developed portion of the Wayne County Recreation Complex currently occupies roughly 40 acres of land. The remaining 150 areas of County land are occupied by the Wayne County Recycling Center and a Community Residential Rehabilitation Program that provides housing and counseling services for boys. The County's new Emergency Operations Center will also be located at this site. These activities use roughly 40 to 50 acres, the balance being primarily wooded with some open fields. The County has recently secured another DCNR grant to develop a Recreation Master Site Plan for the Recreation Complex. It will include recommendations for preservation, development and maintenance of the physical facilities. It will also include an analysis of the site's resources and restraints.

The Recreation Master Site Plan will also identify immediate stabilization needs (by priority), that, if not remedied as soon as possible, may pose a safety or health hazard. Short and long term site needs with respect to parking, visual and sound barriers, ingress and egress, site lighting, restroom facilities and signage for the recreation complex will also be examined. Existing on-site recreational resources will be analyzed along with the prospects for additional recreational facilities and programs. Various management options for the future maintenance of the recreation complex will also be considered.

### **State Parks and Conservation Areas**

Two state parks are located partially within Wayne County. Gouldsboro State Park and Tobyhanna State Park are located in Wayne and Monroe Counties and are approximately 2,800 and 5,400 acres in size, respectively. Tobyhanna State Park includes 315 acres of land in Dreher Township and 246 acres in Lehigh Township.

Gouldsboro State Park includes 382 acres of land in Lehigh Township. Both State Parks contain a lake. Gouldsboro Lake is approximately 250 acres in size and Tobyhanna Lake is approximately 170



Gouldsboro State Park - [Photo by C. Godlesky](#)

acres. Both State Parks provide park visitors with the opportunity to hike, bike cross-country ski, snowmobile, swim, hunt, boat, fish, picnic, camp and engage in wildlife watching. They are

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open year-round. All staff are located at the Tobyhanna State Park and are responsible for maintenance and operation of both Parks.

Some 315,687 persons visited Tobyhanna State Park in 2007, an increase of 175,777 visitors or 126% compared to 2000. Another 43,785 individuals visited Gouldsboro State Park in 2007. This represented a decrease of 83,967 visitors or 68% compared to 2000, attributable to a dam reconstruction project underway since 2005.

There is also Prompton State Park, locally maintained by volunteers, including a Wayne County support group. The Prompton Dam, located on the West Branch of the Lackawaxen River, maintains a permanent reservoir with additional capacity reserved for flood control. The recreation area is open to the general public for hunting, fishing, hiking, biking, picnicking and disc golf. The facility is also discussed in *Section III - Community Facilities Analysis*.

Finally, there is the Varden Conservation Area, located on Routes 196/296 and Middle Creek Road in Lake and South Canaan Townships. This 343 acre tract of land is maintained by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. It includes a pond, wetlands, a nature observation area, educational exhibits, extensive trails and a small parking area.



Varden Conservation Area  
[Photo by C. Godlesky](#)

### **National Park Facilities**

The Department of Interior, through the National Park Service, provides recreational opportunities for Wayne County residents on the Delaware River located along the eastern border of the County. Federal legislation designated the Upper Delaware River as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System in 1978. The uniqueness of this area is that the majority of the land within the park unit is maintained under private ownership. There are 55,575 acres of land within the Upper Delaware River valley, some 30 acres of which are under Federal ownership and 55,545 acres in private ownership.



Upper Delaware River  
Photo by D. Soete  
[Upper Delaware Council](#)

The Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River stretches 73.4 miles along the New York State and Pennsylvania borders. It provides swimming, boating, camping, fishing and sightseeing opportunities generating visitation of more than 251,000 individuals to the area in

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2005. The legislation designating the Upper Delaware River as a component of the National Wild and Scenic River System called for development of a management plan that, in turn, led to the creation of the Upper Delaware Council (UDC) in 1988.

The UDC represents a partnership between local, state and federal governments. The Council works with the National Park Service and includes membership from the states of New York and Pennsylvania, the Delaware River Basin Commission and 13 of the 15 municipalities that border the Upper Delaware River (including Berlin and Damascus Townships in Wayne County). The UDC reviews certain development projects, ordinances and governmental initiatives and administers pass-through grant programs. It also offers a Technical Assistance Grants program supporting River related projects undertaken by local governments.

### **Sanctuaries and Natural Areas**

Dorflinger-Suydam Sanctuary and the Lacawac Sanctuary Foundation are two non-profit wildlife sanctuaries located in the Wayne County. Both Sanctuaries have a system of hiking trails that are open to the public for use throughout the year. The sanctuary programs complement each other, with the Dorflinger-Suydam Sanctuary providing more cultural and musical programs and Lacawac Sanctuary focusing primarily on community education and environmental programs. Lacawac Sanctuary also operates as a scientific research facility with scientists from throughout the Northeastern United States visiting to conduct research on Lake Lacawac, a 52 acre natural glacial lake significant because it is one of the most pristine in the Northeastern United States.

Other sites include the Schuman Point Natural Area in Paupack Township, which contains roughly 300 acres of mostly forested land. It offers trails for hiking and snowmobiling and two miles of shoreline on Lake Wallenpaupack for fishing. Also located in Paupack Township is the Beech House Creek Wildlife Refuge which contains 60 acres of wetland reserved for wildlife. It is located close to the Schuman Point Natural Area and is the home of a wide variety of animal life including; beaver, duck, heron and various hawks. Adjacent to the Ledgedale Recreation Area (see Campgrounds subsection) is the Ledgedale Natural Area, an 80-acre woodland that includes trails for hiking, bird watching and photography. All three of these natural areas are owned and managed by PPL.

Finally, the Damascus Forest located in Damascus Township on MacCubbins Road contains approximately 58 acres of land and is available to the public for passive recreational purposes such as hiking and nature studies.

### **Hunting and Fishing Resources**

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and the Pennsylvania Game Commission also maintain facilities in Wayne County. The primary source of funding for both organizations is license fees. The Fish and Boat Commission owns or leases about 1,800 acres of land in the County. Table V-5 provides a detailed listing:



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Table V-5: Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Facilities

Name	Municipality	Water Area / Frontage	Facility Area	Facility Use	Site Amenities
Alder Marsh Creek	Lebanon	.25 miles	1.0 acre	Public Fishing	N/A
Balls Eddy Access	Scott	300' frontage	9.3 acres	Public Fishing and Boating	P,A,M,S,R
Belmont Lake	Mt. Pleasant	172 acres	9.3 acres	Public Fishing and Boating	P,A,M,S,R
Buckingham Access	Buckingham	230' frontage	2.2 acres	Public Fishing and Boating	P,A,M,S,R
Callicoon Access	Damascus	230' frontage	1.3 acres	Public Fishing and Boating	P,A,M,S,R
Damascus Access	Damascus	210' frontage	1.1 acres	Public Fishing and Boating	P,A,M,S,R
Douglas Pond	Lebanon	25 acres	32.0 acres	Hatchery Use	N/A
Duck Harbor Pond Access	Damascus Lebanon	204 acres	6.2 acres	Public Fishing and Boating	P,A,M,S,R
Dyberry Creek	Lebanon	1.9 miles frontage	14.0 acres	Public Fishing	N/A
Equinunk Access	Buckingham	230' frontage	1.6 acres	Public Fishing	N/A
Equinunk Creek	Buckingham	1.25 miles frontage	0.2 acres	Public Fishing	N/A
Gouldsboro Lake	Lehigh	250 acre (70 in Wayne Co.)	68.8 acres	Recreation	N/A
Hankins Pond	Mount Pleasant	62 acres	122.8 acres	Hatchery Use	N/A
Long Pond (Lake Alden)	Clinton Dyberry	81 acres	106.4 acres	Public Fishing and Boating	P,A,M,S,R
Lower Woods Pond	Lebanon	91 acres	391.6 acres	Public Fishing and Boating	P,A,M,S,R
Miller Pond	Mount Pleasant	61 acres	88.3 acres	Public Fishing and Boating	P,A,M,R
Narrowsburg Access	Damascus	500' frontage	1.5 acres	Public Fishing and Boating	P,S,A,R
Pleasant Mount Hatchery	Mount Pleasant	N/A	116.9 acres	Hatchery Use	N/A
Reining's Pond	Cherry Ridge Texas	Dam partially removed	394.1 acres	Largely abandoned	P,A
Shehawken Creek Access	Buckingham	400' frontage	5.1 acres	Public Fishing and Boating	P,A,S,R
Swamp Pond (Rosner Pond)	Clinton	25 acres	55.5 acres	Public Access	Long Pond Amenities
Upper Woods Pond	Lebanon	80 acres	125.0 acres	Public Fishing and Boating	P,A,M,S,R
Wallenpaupack Lake Access	Paupack	5,700 acres (2,145 in Wayne)	6.4 acres	Public Fishing and Boating	P,A,M,S,R
White Oak Pond	Clinton	175 acres	241.0 acres	Public Fishing and Boating	P,A,M,S,R

Site Amenities: P–Parking, A–Public Access, M–Mooring, S–Sanitary, R–Ramp

Source: Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission operates the Pleasant Mount State Fish Hatchery. Constructed in 1903, the facility was originally referred to as the Wayne Hatchery. It consists of the main hatchery (70 acres), an off-site Hankins Pond portion (123 acres) and the Douglas Pond portion (32 acres), which is also off-site. The Pleasant Mount State Fish Hatchery employs 10 full time staff who operate the facilities year-round.



Pleasant Mount State Fish Hatchery  
Aquarium and Main Building

Average fish production on-site is approximately 25,963,170 per year, which are used to stock ponds, lakes and streams across the Commonwealth. Approximately 7,500 individuals visit the

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hatchery annually, making it a significant tourist attraction. It offers numerous exhibits and viewing tanks, all displayed in an attractive manner.

The Pennsylvania Game Commission owns and manages a great deal of land in Wayne County, including the following State Game Lands:



Table V-6: Pennsylvania State Game Commission Facilities

State Game Land No.	Municipalities	Wayne County Acreage
No. 70	Scott	3,767
No. 159	Dyberry Lebanon Manchester Mount Pleasant	9,368
No. 299	Scott	2,670
No. 300	South Canaan	90
No. 310	Lake	1,121
No. 312	Lehigh Sterling	3,790
<b>Total</b>		<b>20,806</b>

Source: Pennsylvania Game Commission

Table V-7 to the right highlights the number of licenses purchased by residents and non-residents in fiscal year 2007-2008 and breaks them down by type. There were a total of 9,129 total hunting licenses sold, of which 7,698 or 84% were resident licenses and 1,431 or 16% were non-resident licenses. Total hunting licenses sold within Wayne County increased by 220 compared to fiscal year 2006-2007. This countered the statewide trend, which has been slightly down.

Table V-7 Hunting Licenses Issued

Hunting License Type	Resident	Non-Resident
Adult	6,364	1,372
Junior	466	36
Jr. Comb.	454	14
Senior	414	0
Non-Resident 7 Day	0	9
<b>Total Licenses Sold</b>	<b>7,698</b>	<b>1,431</b>

Source: Pennsylvania State Game Commission

The Game Commission also issues certain special hunting licenses. There were 18,932 such special hunting licenses issued for fiscal year 2007-2008, an increase of 525 or 3% compared to 2006-2007. Resident purchases of special hunting licenses in fiscal year 2007-2008 accounted for 16,279 or 86% and non-resident purchases of special hunting licenses accounted for 2,653 or 14%. Table V-8 summarizes the details. Bear hunting, archery and muzzle loading gun hunting are all fairly popular activities within Wayne County. The region has a large Black Bear population that supports such hunting.

Table V-8 Special Hunting Licenses Issued

Special Hunting Licenses Sold	Resident	Non-Resident
Archery	1,852	329
Muzzle Loading	1,731	180
Adult Fur	246	3
Junior Fur	3	0
Senior Fur	8	0
Sr. Lifetime Renewal	0	619
Migratory Game Bird	755	80
Bear	2,337	274
Antlerless	9,347	1,168
<b>Total Special Hunting Licenses Sold</b>	<b>16,279</b>	<b>2,653</b>

Source: Pennsylvania State Game Commission

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The County has an abundance of streams, rivers and lakes that afford residents and visitors opportunities to enjoy fishing. Popular game fish in Wayne County include Trout, Largemouth, Smallmouth and Striped Bass. Other species of fish abundant in Wayne County waters include Muskellunge, Walleye, Pickerel, Pike and Shad. Pan fishes such as Rock Bass, Sunfish, Bluegills and Perch, popular with anglers, are also prevalent.

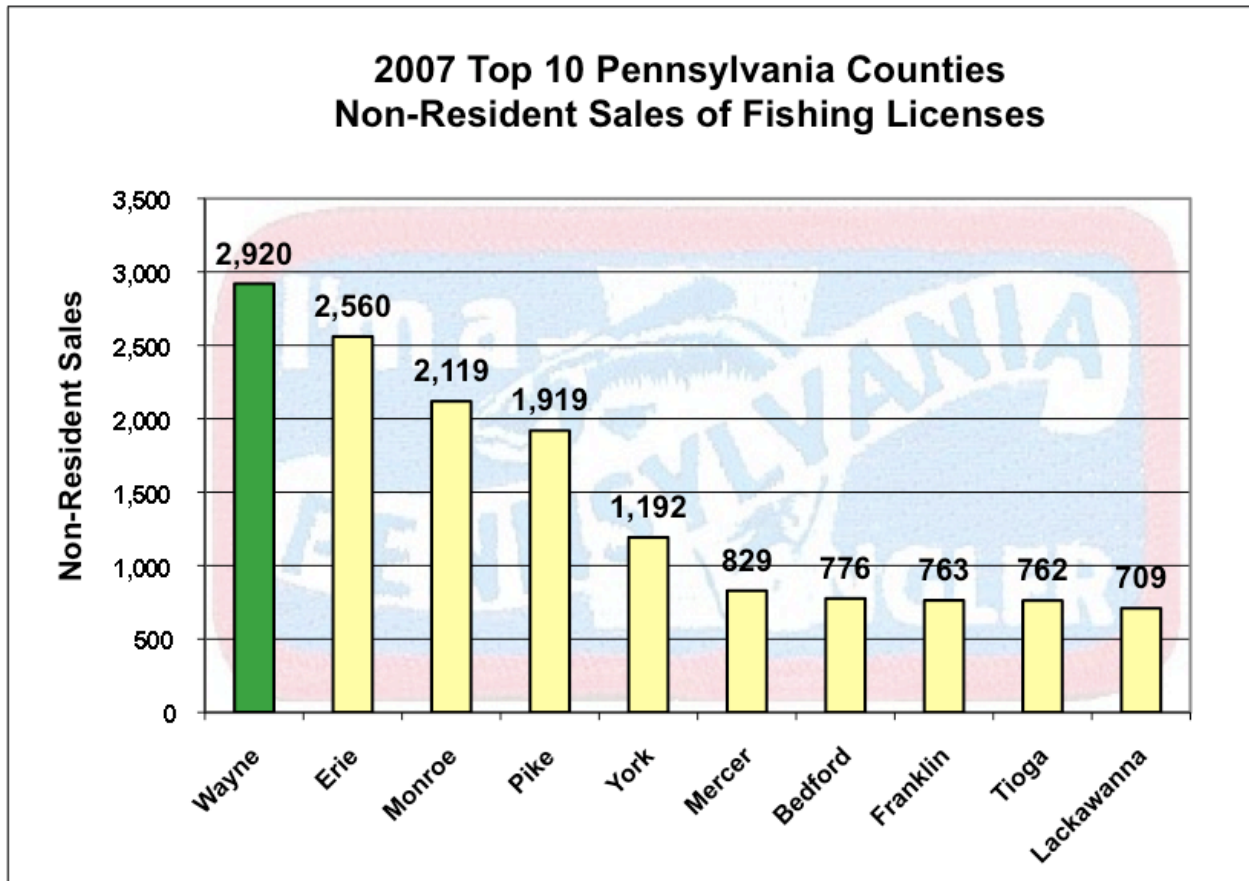
Fishing license fees support the programs and services of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. Some 13,966 fishing licenses were issued in Wayne County in 2007, ranking the County 22nd among the Commonwealth's 67 counties. Most importantly, Wayne County ranks first in the number of non-resident fishing license sales (see Figure V-1 below), indicating just how important this activity is to the local tourism economy and how important Wayne County is to the Fish and Boat Commission's revenues. Fishing license sales increased by 5% over 2006. Table V-9 provides the details illustrating the economic impacts of fishing.

Table V-9  
Fishing Licenses Issued

License Type	No. Issued
Resident	7,788
Senior Resident	323
Lifetime	118
1-Day Resident	54
Non-Resident	2,920
7-Day Tourist	612
3-Day Tourist	1,972
1-Day Tourist	173
Guard / Reserve	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,966</b>

Source: Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission

Figure V-1



Source: Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission

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The Fish and Boat Commission also owns Reining's Pond, an extensive wetland area with a small remnant pond. Collins Brook, a high quality cold water fishery, drains the 394 acre property. It is currently open to the public for hunting, fishing, hiking and other passive recreation activities and is a valuable natural asset in its current condition.

### **Private Recreational Facilities**

Wayne County has one YMCA, which is located on Park Street in Honesdale. The YMCA has grown in the number of programs it offers and the number of individuals who have become members since its inception. Currently, the YMCA has 928 active members. Another 859 non-member individuals visited the YMCA in 2008. There are also a number of private recreation enterprises and community associations within the County that provide amusements, beaches, pools, tennis courts, miniature golf, driving ranges, a zoo ("Claws & Paws"), a Boy Scout camp (Goose Pond) and similar facilities operated for profit or as private community amenities.

Wayne County has six golf courses and many other public and private golf courses are located within driving distance. Four are public golf courses and two are private golf courses. The Hideout Golf Course is only open to residents of the Hideout, a private residential community located near Hamlin. The Honesdale Golf Club is a private club which is open only to members and guests. Memorial Links is the newest golf course in the County and is located in Pleasant Mount.

Table V-10: Golf Courses

Course	Holes	Status
Cricket Hill	18	Public
Honesdale	9	Private
Hideout	18	Private
Lake Lorraine	9	Public
Memorial Links	9	Public
Red Maples	9	Public

Source: Golf courses

The County has one private ski resort, although there are a number of ski resorts located in close proximity to Wayne County. The Hideout Ski Resort is located near Hamlin and restricted to use by the community residents and guests. Ski Big Bear and Tanglewood Ski Resorts are located in Pike County. Sno Mountain Ski Resort is located in nearby Lackawanna County and Elk Mountain Ski Resort is located in Susquehanna County. There are also local bed and breakfast establishments such as the Maple Hill Farm Bed and Breakfast and the Inn at Starlight Lake that afford guests the opportunity to enjoy cross country skiing with links to various trails.

Horseback riding is also a popular indoor and outdoor recreation activity. Wayne County has a large number of riding stables and riding schools. The Double "W" Riding Stables located on the Owego Turnpike, for example, features trail riding and special events in combination with a bed and breakfast operation. Dyberry Stables in Oregon Township and Happy Trail Riding Stables located in Paupack Township offer riders a variety of trail options. Another riding stable, Lake Equestrian Center, is located in Lake Ariel and provides indoor and outdoor riding facilities. This facility and nearby LA Quarter Horse Farms host many equestrian events. Ryback Horsemanship in Damascus Township offers similar facilities and sponsors periodic horse riding clinics given by well-known instructors. There are several other stables with both indoor and outdoor facilities, including riding arenas, practice and show rings and trails, located throughout the County.

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### **Resorts**

Wayne County is the home of three primary resorts. Cove Haven Honeymoon Resort located in Paupack Township on the shores of Lake Wallenpaupack caters to honeymoon and other couples who want a weekend or weeklong vacation. The resort features a sports palace with indoor tennis, racquetball, miniature golf and ice skating. In addition, the resort has a marina on Lake Wallenpaupack that offers guests opportunities for boat rides and water skiing. The resort includes indoor and outdoor pool facilities as well as outdoor tennis and basketball courts.

Lukan's Farm Resort located in Palmyra Township, just outside of Hawley caters to couples and families, offering outdoor tennis, basketball and volleyball courts, children's playground, large outdoor swimming pool, fishing ponds on the property, miniature golf, cross country skiing and hiking. The resort features a large dining room that is also open to the public and hosts many large banquets.

The Central House located in Beach Lake, between Honesdale and Narrowsburg, is a family oriented resort. The resort offers an outdoor pool, horseshoes, bocce, lakefront access and boat rentals. In addition, the resort has a restaurant and hosts many banquets.

Other resorts are located in close proximity to Wayne County. Two of the more popular resorts located in nearby Pike County are Woodloch Resort including Woodloch Springs and Ehrhardts, located on Lake Wallenpaupack. Both Woodloch Resort and Ehrhardts Resort are family oriented resorts offering a variety of recreational opportunities to guests. Woodloch Springs offers an 18 hole golf course, outdoor recreational opportunities, a health club and indoor pool.

### **Fairgrounds**

Wayne County has two fairgrounds. The Wayne County Fairgrounds are located in Dyberry Township just outside of Honesdale. The fair offers family oriented entertainment including numerous rides, special events and a large agricultural extension exhibit. The agricultural extension exhibit includes a livestock exhibit and sale. The fair operates for one week during the month of August each year. The Wayne County Fair celebrated its 146<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2008.

The Greene-Dreher Sterling Fair also operates annually in Wayne County. These fairgrounds are located in Dreher Township in Newfoundland. This fair is also a family oriented fair with a large agricultural exhibit including many different rides, shows and special events. The Greene-Dreher Sterling Fair operates in September each year. The 2008 edition of the Greene-Dreher Sterling Fair represented the 91<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the fair.

### **Lake Wallenpaupack**

Lake Wallenpaupack, with approximately 5,700 acres of water and 52 miles of shoreline, constitutes Wayne County's single largest recreational attraction. The watershed is comprised of



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219 square miles of land covering four counties and 14 townships. Paupack Township, Wayne County comprises the majority of the shoreline of Lake Wallenpaupack located in Wayne County. Public access is provided by the many resorts and motels, public recreation areas, and picnic and nature areas that surround the lake. The area that is now Lake Wallenpaupack was once only the Wallenpaupack Creek basin. Pennsylvania Power & Light dammed the creek and built the lake in 1926 to supply water for a hydroelectric power plant. It is now surrounded by dozens of recreational communities and attractions, several of which have been detailed earlier.

### **Bikeways and Trails**

There are two rail-trails in Wayne County. The D&H rail-trail runs from the Simpson Viaduct at Route 171 north through Lanesboro to the New York border and passes through Starrucca. It parallels the Wayne County border most of the way. The O&W rail-trail also begins in Simpson and runs parallel to the D&H rail-trail for eight miles. This rail-trail goes east to Hancock, NY and connects to the West Branch of the Delaware River. Most of the Wayne County section is owned by Buckingham and Preston Townships. Another small portion runs through Mount Pleasant Township. This section and some of the Preston portion of the line are privately owned.

Both trails are well managed by the Rail-Trail Council of Northeastern PA. The rail-trails are used heavily by bikers, hikers, runners, horseback riders, snowmobilers and cross-country skiers. ATVs, dirt bikes or motorcycles are not allowed on the trails. The Forest City trailhead, convenient to Wayne County, offers access to all these activities and both trails are accessible in this area.

The NEP SnoTrails, Inc. a PA State Snowmobile Association member, grooms the trail system in winter, opens additional linking trails, and regulates snowmobilers, requiring trail pass and insurance to use the facilities. There are special courtesy and safety rules that must be followed and the group processes pass applications, provides trail maps, checks for snow conditions and posts route closures. The trail system is extensive and consists not only of the former rail lines but also trails over private property throughout Northern Wayne County. This activity draws a large wintertime tourist population to this region balancing out summertime camp activity.



Snowmobiler on O&W Sno Trail (Source: [Northeast PA SnoTrails](#))

There are also two major bike routes through Wayne County, PennDOT Bicycle Routes L and Y.

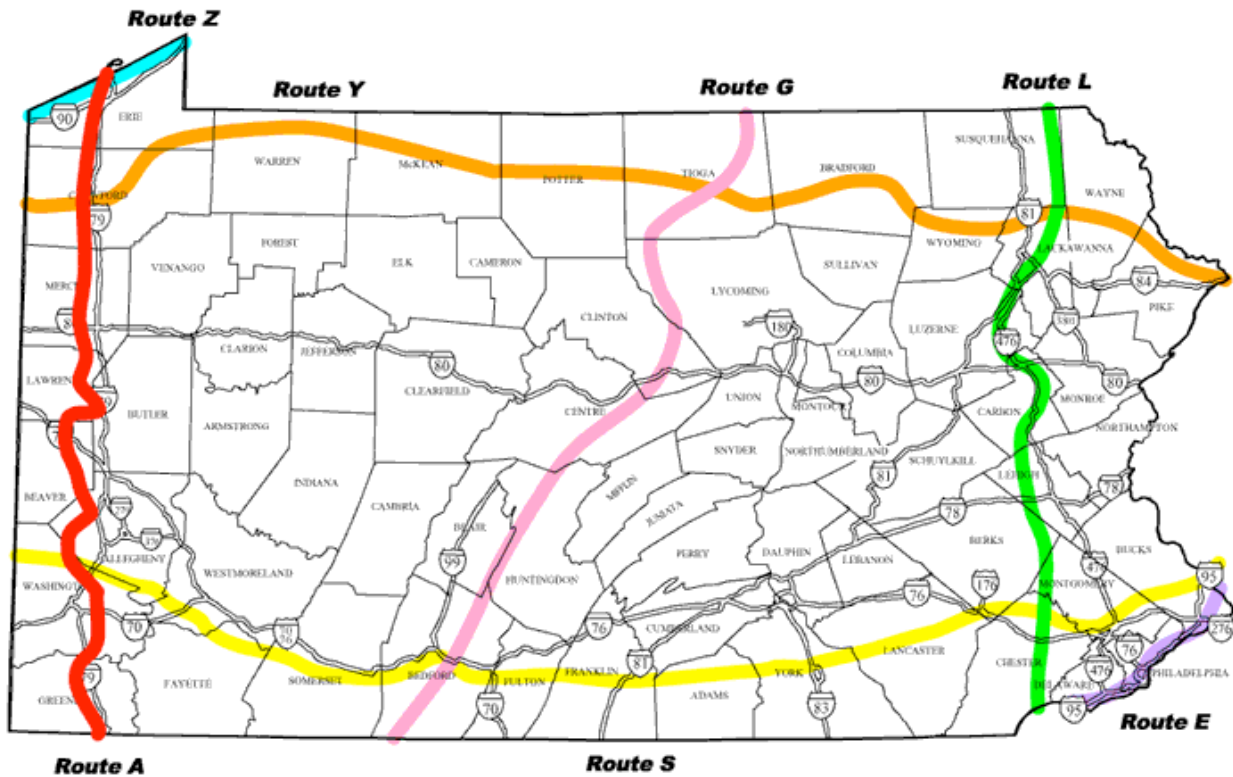
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Bicycle Route L runs along Route 171 from Carbondale in Lackawanna County to Thompson (Susquehanna County) and then follows Starrucca Road through Starrucca Borough and on into New York State just north of Lanesboro (also located in Susquehanna County). This bicycle route begins at the Delaware and Pennsylvania border north of Wilmington, Delaware and ends 225 miles later at the Pennsylvania and New York border north of Lanesboro in Susquehanna County. Starrucca is featured on PennDOT's [website](#) promoting this bike route.



Bicycle Route Y runs across the entire Commonwealth from a point east of Cleveland, Ohio to the Roebling Bridge in Lackawaxen and Route 97 in New York State. This 409 mile route generally follows U.S. Route 6, although it occasionally leaves this highway for safer and/or more scenic corridors such as Honesdale-Carbondale Road and Lower Willow Avenue in Wayne County. Bicycle Route Y parallels the D&H Canal towpath for much of the route through Wayne and Pike Counties. This route is part of a still longer one intended to connect Chicago with New York City.



Pennsylvania Bicycle Routes  
(Source: [PennDOT](#))